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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

DUNLAP, Paul N.)
FILED: February 22, 2002)
SERIAL NO: 10/081,464)
DOCKET: L00-079A)
FOR: BONDED PART AND METHOD FOR)
PRODUCING SAME)

Examiner:
Rossi, Jessica L.

Art Unit: 1733

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND REQUEST FOR ADDRESS CHANGE

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Dear Sir:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement

This is in response to the office action mailed on March 8, 2004. The Examiner's restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 is acknowledged, and the Applicant provisionally elects Invention II, Claims 17-24, with traverse.

The Applicant concedes that the article of Claim 17 could be made by a process wherein the elastomer composition is cured in one step, as well as by the two-step process of Invention I. Nevertheless, both such inventions are closely related in the art, and Inventions I and II are so closely intertwined as to lack distinctiveness from one another. Applicant also respectfully submits that consideration of both the product and process claims together would be much more efficient for examination purposes both from the Applicant's and Patent Office's standpoint. For these reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement.

2. Request for Address Change

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